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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 9:29 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Governor Palin Halloween Look Alike

From: Sandy Empson [mailto:sandy_empson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2007 9:45 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Governor Palin Halloween Look Alike

Dear Governor Palin:

Just wanted to send you a picture of my Halloween costume, in which I dressed up as you. I have attached two pictures of my outfit. I hope you at least get a quick laugh out of these.

Thanks you for your time.

Take care and God bless,
Sandy Empson
Juneau
sandy_empson@yahoo.com

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [sharon.leighow@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 1:40 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FYI

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
November 19, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Walt Parker, 907.333.5189; Lois Epstein, 907.929.9372

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Lois N. Epstein, P.E.
Director
Alaska Transportation Priorities Project

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From: Eric A. Olson [eolson@gci.net]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 3:41 PM

To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)

Cc: Crome; Cora J (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)

Subject: Univ. of Alaska Funding - Fisheries

Dear Governor Palin-

I am writing you to express my support for an addition of $1 million in funding for the University of Alaska's budget for the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences program aimed at preparing Alaskans for jobs and careers in the fishing industry and fisheries management.

It is my understanding that this funding will be used as matching funds to leverage an additional $5 million in private grant funds. I believe this would be money well-spent to improve the quality of fisheries related programs the University provides as well as increasing the number of Alaskans prepared to manage the fisheries that are so important to this state.

I might also mention that in the reauthorized MSA there is a new provision (Section 109) that among other things is focused on improving education and training on marine resource professions among coastal community residents of Alaska and Hawaii. The Section is much more detailed and I can provide you with exact language if you like. The main point I wanted to make though, is that funding this program will go a long ways toward the University to start "filling the pipeline" with Alaskans who are prepared and qualified to enter marine resource professions.

In closing I ask that the request by the University of Alaska for $1 million for fisheries be funded in full.

Sincerely,
Eric Olson
Kwik'Pak Fisheries LLC
1016 West 6th Avenue, Suite 301
Anchorage AK 99501
Phone: 907-644-0326
Fax: 907-644-0327

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 6:55 AM
To: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Re: Contact Information for suggested AGIA' phone calls

Got it and I'll call. Thanks so much Marty!

----- Original Message -----

From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); govpalin@yahoo.com <govpalin@yahoo.com>

Sent: Mon Nov 19 06:52:03 2007

Subject: FW: Contact information for suggested AGIA' phone calls

Governor,

I apologize for sending this e-mail to three addresses, but I wasn't sure which address would reach you.

Since sending the contact information for TransCanada & MidAmerican pipeline companies to you on Friday, I have learned there is more current information for Hal Kvisle at TransCanada since his normal scheduler is not available. Therefore this version of the document is more current.

I have also learned that today Hal Kvisle is receiving the final proposed AGIA' application for his review and that he will be reviewing it carefully. I am advised he will be deciding whether or not to support it with the TransCanada' Board of Directors based upon his sense of whether the AGIA' Licensee will actually be able to get the Firm Transportation (FT) commitments during an Open Season. Therefore I'm sure he will be asking you whether you are willing to do whatever it takes to get the gas. Thus it turns out that the timing of this call is perfect and it also becomes critical for you to convey that, once we have an AGIA' partner, we will use all our sovereign powers to ensure the Open Season process is successful.

Thank you again, Governor, for your willingness to do this.

Marty

-----Original Message-----

From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

Sent: Fri 11/16/2007 5:14 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Contact information for suggested AGIA' phone calls

Governor,

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me earlier today. Like everyone, I'm sending up prayers that the legislature does the right thing for Alaska during today's ACES' debate.

During yesterday's phone conversation we discussed the possibility of you making telephone calls to the TransCanada & MidAmerican CEO's, conveying your hope they choose to participate in the AGIA process. Here are more specifics for those phone calls. For your information, the contact information I have for these two CEO's are their work contact information, therefore I would suggest you make these calls early next week. Finally, the messaging suggestions are somewhat tailored to the particular party in order to address issues that I know to be their concerns:

1) TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.

Hal Kvisle, President and CEO (Kvisle is pronounced KWISLEE)

Corporate Headquarters: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Hal Kvisle's Scheduler is Janna Laberge @ Phone # 403-920-7710.

General Information:

* I believe you have previously spoken with Hal Kvisle on the phone re: the AGIA process

* TransCanada's primary contact person for Alaska is Tony Palmer;

* Tony Palmer's boss, who heads their gasline effort, is Russ Girling, President/Pipelines

Suggested Message:

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

2) MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company

David Sokol, Chairman and CEO (Sokol is pronounced SEW-KULL)

Corporate Headquarters: Omaha, Nebraska

Phone # 402-231-1400

David Sokol's Assistant/Scheduler is Barbara Tracy @ Phone # 402-231-1402

General Information:

* You and I had breakfast with David Sokol in Washington DC in late February and since then I believe you have spoken with him on the phone;

* David Sokol is one of two CEO's that report directly to Warren Buffet. MidAmerican is a subsidiary of Warren Buffet's company, Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. David is also an owner in Berkshire Hathaway, which is a diversified, privately held company.

Suggested Message:

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Once again, Governor, your willingness to assist the AGIA effort is greatly appreciated by your Gasline Team.

Marty

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 9:27 AM
To: tawnythatchery@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2007 12:54 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Angelie Perryman

address: 765 N. Gulkana Ct. Palmer AK 99645

907-746-6609

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah -

It's that time of year when I take stock, re-evaluate & remember people & things I am thankful for. So, with this in mind I'd like to take the time to tell you how THANKFUL I am to have you looking out for us & loving us (i.e., your fellow Alaskans). Thank you for putting yourself last. I think of the time in my life when I was an ass & you helped me and how that one instance changed my whole life. Thank you Governor Palin for looking out for us. Thank you for letting the Lord use you. Thank you for being a shining example to our up and coming young ladies. Thank you for your courage and your thick skin! God's Blessings to you & yours!

Angelie Darkwood-Perryman (nee' Coyne)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 3:34 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Todd
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: PSA with Todd

Sounds great. We'll ck Todd's sched.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 14:13:02

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: PSA with Todd

Governor –

The Alaska Children's Trust would like to film a 30 second PSA with you and Todd to encourage families to Listen, Talk and Play with their Children. It would have to be filmed (at Syntax) between December 3-12 depending on your schedule. May I tell them you are interested?

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

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(907) 465-4031 Juneau

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 2:17 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: George Brown's granddaughter

I think I sent you his first message....

-----Original Message-----

From: David Chidsey [mailto:dchidsey@usm.maine.edu]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 10:11 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: George Brown's granddaughter

Don't know if you have time to look at this, but maybe someone in your office will enjoy these pictures. Thanks, David

David A.Chidsey,M.Ed.

P.O. Box 2548

Palmer, Alaska

99645

907-745-7328

>>> "Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)" <governor@alaska.gov>
>>> 11/19/2007 1:06 PM >>>

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Sent: Friday, November 16, 2007 9:53 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. David Chidsey

address: P.O. Box 2548 Palmer AK 99645

MESSAGE:

Sarah:

I know you are too busy to probably read this and you have no idea who I am, but I brought my 8 year old daughter to the state capital this afternoon and we sat in the senate gallary and everyone was so nice to us. This is a picture of George and carolyn Brown's grandaughter. Also you used to run cross-country against my wife, Rachel Brown. I am a sub at Colony Middle School, Teeland and Palmer Junior Middle School. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your family. Thanks for all you do, David

There was no place to attach a picture, but I got a good one of Ellie and the Senate President.

dchidsey@usm.maine.edu

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Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 1:46 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: FYI

Well good. This outta' save us $400g and a lot of controversy.

----- Original Message -----

From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Mon Nov 19 13:39:49 2007

Subject: FYI

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FOR MORE INFORMATION:

November 19, 2007 Walt Parker, 907.333.5189; Lois Epstein, 907.929.9372

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 10:35 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Kim; Anna C (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Barnhill; Michael A (LAW)
Subject: Re: Preparation and roll-out related to filing of lawsuit against Mercer

Thanks Randy. Let's find out if ARM did do that resolution.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 10:21:30

To:"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Kim, Anna C (GOV)" <anna.kim@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <annette.kreitzer@alaska.gov>,"Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)" <mike.barnhill@alaska.gov>

Subject: Preparation and roll-out related to filing of lawsuit against Mercer

Sharon:

I spoke with Mike Barnhill, the lead attorney at LAW on the case against Mercer, the former actuary for the PERS / TERS plans.

Mike said that tomorrow, Commissioner Kreitzer; local counsel, Mike Lessmeier; and he will start informing legislators in leadership of the state's intent to file the complaint against Mercer. (The last I had heard, the complaint should be ready to be filed in the next 10-14 days) I believe the complaint will seek recovery from Mercer of up to $1.8 billion in damages.

Here is the schedule for the legislative briefings:

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

Speaker John Harris

Finance Co-Chair Kevin Meyer

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

Senate President Lyda Green

Possibly Senate Finance Co-Chair Bert Stedman

Week of Nov. 26, 2007

Minority Leadership - Representative Kerttula, Senator Gary Wilken, Representative Gara will be briefed the following week.

I believe Mike Barnhill is going to take the first try at drafting a press release that could be sent out the day the complaint is filed with the court. Please work directly with Mike on that issue.

We may want to note in the press release that the litigation is supported by the ARM Board. (I believe they passed a resolution supporting the litigation).

Randy

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 2:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Fabrello; Michelle A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Michelle - I think doing a letter would be great. Thanks, Janice

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Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 2:14 PM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Subject: FW: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

I can do a letter if it sounds good to you.

-Michelle

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 9:37 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Laddie Shaw

address: 2029 Meander Dr Ancho

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Laddie Shaw

address: 2029 Meander Dr Anchorage AK 99516

317-2505

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I want to thank you for your ongoing support for our veterans and active military. This past Veterans Day 25 Alaskan veterans from the Vietnam War celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, or as we refer to it "The Wall." I forward to you a Compass piece I wrote for the Anchorage Daily News (but not published) honoring a veteran with a mission to honor other veterans, Bob Moore. You undoubtedly know Bob, because I understand his kids provided occasional "baby sitting" services for one or more of your kids.

In addition to my thanks for your respect and honor of our veterans and for a job well

done as Governor (above and beyond the call of duty)I would like to respectfully request a letter from you to Bob Moore for his service and sacrifice as a veteran and for his efforts on behalf of other veterans. As I note in my proposed Compass piece, one 'ol soldier made a difference by "continuing to serve" with his mission of the Trail Riders.

Also as a side note, I must highlight on the wonderful story about your folks in Sundays paper. Chuck and Sally are "old" friends and truly marvelous people.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Bobs address is:

Bob Moore

PO Box 873471

Wasilla, AK 99687

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observances:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Armistice Day is now celebrated as Veterans Day, a day to remind us of sacrifice and service to country, a time for reflection, and a time to openly honor our veterans. Veterans Day is a time to pay our respect to all veterans for their sacrifices and for protecting the freedom we so cherish in America. This year, as an added honor we pay our respects to over 9 million men and women who served during the Vietnam era by celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial or more commonly referred to as "The Wall."

The idea to have Alaskan veterans represented in the Anniversary celebration was the idea of one "ol' soldier" and present day Alaskan cowboy, Bob Moore. Bob is a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who served three tours of duty in Vietnam, both as an infantry soldier and combat Helicopter pilot and is the "Trail Boss" for the Alaska Trail Riders of Alaska. The Alaska Trail Riders is an organization that was formed to provide therapeutic trail rides for disabled veterans and children. Bob was going to take a "trail ride" as he put it, to recognize the anniversary, but his trail ride became a mission, a mission for healing and to honor the sacrifices of his fellow veterans. The irony in Bob's endeavor to honor his fellow veterans, is that he is a disabled veteran himself.

Bob developed a fund raising strategy to support the Trail Riders efforts to bring 25 Alaskan veterans to the anniversary celebration and that strategy involved riding his horse 400 miles across Alaska. Riding with memories and a mission Bob Moore rode out of Wasilla at sunrise with the hope of a positive fund raising campaign and "rounding up" a group of veterans to attend the anniversary of the "Wall." His ride brought together veterans for the cause, in turn a committee was formed and the mission was in place. By the time he had ridden from Wasilla to Cantwell and Paxton the Trail Riders had nearly $40,000 in pledges from major oil companies, native corporations, local business and service organizations to support the 25 vets traveling to Washington DC for the Anniversary Parade.

Alaska Airlines, a huge supporter, has designated the flight carrying the delegation to DC on November 8th "The Alaska Freedom Bird," commemorating the Freedom Bird designation of the homecoming flights from Vietnam. We expect more than 50,000 veterans and family members to join the Alaska delegation for this historic event.

The wall is the touchstone of a generation, a sacred place for Vietnam veterans, our emotional "welcome home." Over 58,000 names are etched in simple black granite as a reminder of the cost of freedom and the sacrifice of a generation.

One "ol' soldier" took on a cause and made a difference. He had memories, haunting

memories, and he had a mission and that mission was the foundation of the Vietnam Veterans of America "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

A new generation is presently continuing the fight for liberty, freedom and the American way. Please take the time to welcome home a service member and honor a vet. Don't let this generation of soldiers be forgotten for their sacrifices.

LandLShaw@gci.net

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 11:44 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Luggage

Governor –

If you are taking any checked luggage on Tuesday, 11.27.07, security is asking if they can pick this up from you on Monday, 11.26.07 (evening) so that they can get it checked in a head of time for the early flight on Tuesday.

If you are only taking a carry on then that will be fine for Tuesday morning. Thanks, Janice

Unknown

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 8:47 PM

To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Sarah Palin

Subject: LG Office Budget

Mike,

Karen gave me the news that we were losing funding for another position (the one previously occupied by Kris Showalter [constituent svcs., commission staffing, etc.] before Jim left and I promoted her and Jay. Her position has only been vacant a little over two months as I haven't found someone for it.

I spoke with Jay and Kris and given this new reality we will work to re-prioritize what we're doing and employ better time management techniques to make the squeeze work. At this rate (losing one real staff person a year), I'll be down to four staff members by the end of our first term and have zero at the end of any second term. I would simply ask that you look elsewhere from here on out. A 22% real staff reduction from when we came into office is something we can manage through but I'm looking for other agencies to take similar reductions in the future before I take more for FY'10. [Relying on a carry forward is good for a year but I can't hire someone in good faith using nonrecurring money.]

That's the end of my whine. I'm in...but a 22% reduction is all I'm in for until I see similar giving across all agencies.

Sean

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Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 8:33 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Troops Returning

Update: This morning time for the Troops Returning – Monday, 11.19.07 is at 9:59 a.m. Ft. Richardson Gym.
Thanks, Janice

Unknown

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I spoke with Jay and Kris and given this new reality we will work to re-prioritize what we're doing and employ better time management techniques to make the squeeze work. At this rate (losing one real staff person a year), I'll be down to four staff members by the end of our first term and have zero at the end of any second term. I would simply ask that you look elsewhere from here on out. A 22% real staff reduction from when we came into office is something we can manage through but I'm looking for other agencies to take similar reductions in the future before I take more for FY 10. [Relying on a carry forward is good for a year but I can't hire someone in good faith using nonrecurring money.]

That's the end of my whine. I'm in...but a 22% reduction is all I'm in for until I see similar giving across all agencies.

Sean

Unknown

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 11:44 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Luggage

Governor –

If you are taking any checked luggage on Tuesday, 11.27.07, security is asking if they can pick this up from you on Monday, 11.26.07 (evening) so that they can get it checked in a head of time for the early flight on Tuesday.

If you are only taking a carry on then that will be fine for Tuesday morning. Thanks, Janice

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 1:11 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: FW: ARM Board Resolution 2007-06

Governor:

The ARM Board Resolution urging the State to pursue litigation against Mercer for actuarial malpractice is attached.

Randy

From: Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 12:20 PM
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Subject: RE: ARM Board Resolution 2007-06

attached

From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 12:07 PM
To: Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Subject: ARM Board Resolution 2007-06

Mike:

When you get time, can you have your secretary pdf a copy of ARM Board resolution 2007-06 to Sharon Leighow and myself.

Thanks,

Randy

State of Alaska
ALASKA RETIREMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD
Relating to Actuary Litigation

Resolution 2007-06

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WHEREAS, Mercer Human Resource Consulting, Inc. ("Mercer") was retained until December 31, 2005, by the Department of Administration and for the benefit of the Department and the Systems, as well as the predecessors to the Board, including the boards of the PERS, TRS, and the Alaska State Pension Investment Board, to provide competent and professional actuarial services and advice;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Systems, the State of Alaska Department of Law has investigated the performance by Mercer during the period of its retention, and the results of such investigations yield strong indicators of professional negligence and significant damage to the Systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALASKA RETIREMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD that:

1. The Board concludes that it is prudent to expend funds necessary to pursue claims, including potential litigation, against Mercer based upon the investigation undertaken by and for the Department of Law;

2. The Board urges through this resolution that appropriations be approved, in amounts recommended by the Department of Law to fund the potential litigation, and that such funds as necessary may be appropriated from the funds of the Systems as fair and reasonable costs necessary for the proper and prudent administration of those funds;

3. The Board ratifies and affirms the retention of the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP by the Department of Law as outside counsel for the Board and the Systems in connection with the investigation of Mercer's performance and any potential litigation arising out of that investigation; and

4. The actions contemplated hereby are a reasonable effort to protect and preserve the assets of the Systems.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 9th day of February, 2007.

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 4:51 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)

Cc: Barnhill; Michael A (LAW); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Kim; Anna C (GOV)

Subject: FW: Resolution approving litigation

Here's the resolution.
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From: Hall, Judith A (DOR)
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 4:32 PM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Cc: Bader, Gary M (DOR)
Subject: Resolution approving litigation

Commissioner Kreitzer: Gary Bader requested that I send the attached resolution which was passed by the board at the Feb. 9, 2007 meeting. At the end of the meeting during the legal report, Mr. Barnhill proposed the resolution to support the $12 million appropriation being requested during the legislative session. Judy

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